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Mr. John G. Jackson, Jr.
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New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

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[redacted] showed me your letter of 29 May referring to [redacted] I am afraid there has been some misunderstanding, presumably the result of telephone conversations down here and if I am in any way at fault, I am sincerely sorry. The facts as I recall them are as follows.

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A member of this Agency asked me if I knew [redacted] and said that [redacted] had some interest in working with this Agency. I said I thought I had known his sister Eleanor, and had met him when he was in Charlottesville. It was suggested that if I had any interest I should call Bob Haydock in the Office of the General Counsel to the Secretary of Defense. I called Bob a day or two later and he said he thought that [redacted] was definitely interested in the legal end of this business. I told Bob that there was nothing in my office definite enough to warrant a trip to Washington at this time, but that if [redacted] were to come down, I would be very glad to see him and discuss possibilities. I do not recall that I was aware of his reserve status or the active duty orders.

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Actually it is only under very rare circumstances that we consider anyone as an applicant to this Agency after he has been called to active service. Normally the only ground for taking steps after the orders have arrived is that an individual has some specialty in which he is outstanding and through which he could be of more service to the Government with CIA than in his military capacity. Unfortunately, the Government, generally, and the Army, in particular, regard one lawyer as very much like another and normally it would be hard to persuade the Army that a lawyer could better serve CIA than the Judge Advocate General.

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I realize that this is not too helpful in the situation you set forth and if [REDACTED] feels that a personal talk with either me or [REDACTED] would help, I shall be only too glad to see him down here. [REDACTED], as you may know, will be away for a while and may not be available at the time.

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Please tell [REDACTED] that if he wants to come, I can arrange to be available if he will write me or call me a day or so in advance. My number is Executive 6115, extension 733.

Yours very truly,

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

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